

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their 60 + TV stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary, "Stolen Honor," days before the 2004 Presidential election is a clear example of how large media corporations can (and do) abuse their access to the public airwaves to broadcast partisan, biased programming in ways that are intended to influence the political process in the US.

This particular action, at a minimum, gives the impression that Sinclair is engaging in censorship (they have no plan to try and provide a balancing program segment). Their action may, in fact, be a violation of the law.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve a thorough review of a broadcaster's adherence to out nations laws, FCC regulations, and citizen comments.

Thank you.